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Informal meeting of the General Assembly to hear a briefing by the President of the General Assembly on his priorities for 2018.

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Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00 — 1898th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 8

1. The situation in Afghanistan (UNAMA)
2. The situation in Liberia (UNMIL)

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 7

Briefing by the Monitoring Team on its 21st report

Trip reports by the Monitoring Team (MT)

Briefing on Secretariat support

Review of 1267 Committee pending matters (Holds List)

Other matters

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
Executive Board

11:30 to 13:00 — Conference Room 6

Elections of the Bureau

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund
Executive Board

10:00 to 11:30 — Conference Room 6

Elections of the officers for 2018

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Tuesday, 16 January 2018

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal meeting of the General Assembly to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on his priorities for 2018.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Wednesday, 17 January 2018

11:30 to 13:00 286th meeting Conference Room 12

Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinhal@un.org)). The meeting *will not be open* to members of the press or the public.

Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, *at least 48 hours prior to the meeting*, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982.

Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements *in advance of the meeting*.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Wednesday, 24 January 2018

10:00 Conference Room 1

Civil Affairs; and Peacebuilding

Friday, 26 January 2018

10:00 Conference Room 1

Disarmament, Demobilization and reintegration; and Security sector reform

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00 Conference Room 2

Rule of law, justice and corrections; and Police

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

10:00 Conference Room 2

Conduct and Discipline including Sexual Exploitation and Abuse; and Mine action

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2018 regular session

Monday, 29 January, to Wednesday, 7 February 2018 Conference Room 1

Friday, 23 February 2018 Conference Room 2

The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/C.2/2018/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org with a copy to leu@un.org). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Committee) in Conference Room 1, only observers who will register the composition of their delegations by *Friday, 26 January 2018*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (please *click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development
Informal briefing

Monday, 15 January 2018

15:00 Conference Room 4

Convened by the Chair-designate (Iceland), on the preparations of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission

All are invited to attend.

Followed by — Conference Room 12

Interactive dialogue among Member States on the forthcoming review of the working methods of the Commission (closed)

Fifty-sixth session
Monday, 29 January, to Wednesday, 7 February 2018

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00 — Opening meeting — Conference Room 4

The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2018/1. For further information on the fifty-sixth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission, as well as observers, are requested to register the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers through the e-List of Participants module on the e-deleGATE portal, which will become available on 15 January 2018.

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will register the composition of their delegations in the e-deleGATE portal, *by Wednesday, 24 January 2018*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all) and item 3 b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Monday, 29 January 2018.

Requests for inscription from permanent missions and observer States for the joint general discussion on sub-items 3 (a) and 3 (b) should be sent through the e-Speakers module of the e-deleGATE portal (*click here*) *starting 15 January 2018*.

An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of request for inscription. Intergovernmental organizations, entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, the United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions wishing to inscribe with the *list of speakers* are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org).

Statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *twelve minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are informed that *PaperSmart* services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission. The *statements* will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

United Nations Children's Fund
Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

Tuesday, 16 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

In preparation for its first regular session, an informal pre-session information briefing, will be held on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (6-9 February 2018, combined with an informal briefing on: (a) Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2018 work planned and proposed budget; (b) UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and report of the Board of Auditors.

Informal briefing

Tuesday, 16 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 8

On: (a) Plan for global thematic evaluations, 2018-2019; (b) Road map to a revision of the evaluation policy of UNICEF; and (c) Evaluation reports and management responses.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
First regular session 2018

Monday, 22, to Friday, 26 January 2018 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2018/L.1. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*); for the UNFPA segment, visit the UNFPA website (*click here*).

Member States, Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to the Executive Board Secretariat (e-mail eb.secretariat@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, as early as possible, *no later than Monday, 15 January 2018*.

The first regular session 2018 will continue to use the electronic system to identify requests to take the floor. Delegations with a special interest on any of the UNDP and UNOPS agenda items are kindly requested to communicate their intention to intervene during such items to the Executive Board secretariat at eb.secretariat@undp.org. Interventions related to UNFPA items should be communicated to speakerslist@unfpa.org.

The first regular session 2018 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission. The portal will be accessible by *clicking here*.

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Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), *at least two hours* in advance of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *20 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 11 January 2018

Security Council

[archived video]

8156th meeting

Peace consolidation in West Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (S/2017/1104)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Mohammed Ibn Chambas, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Chambas.

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Sweden, Peru, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Netherlands, Equatorial Guinea and Ethiopia; and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Kazakhstan.

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Other meetings

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Friday, 12 January 2018

Group of 77 (ceremonial meeting to mark the formal handover of the chairmanship of the Group of 77 from the Republic of Ecuador to the Arab Republic of Egypt) (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link below *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Briefing by the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) on the upcoming UNISPACE + 50 Conference (A/RES/72/79) (co-organized by the Group of Friends of the United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs and the Permanent Missions of Austria and Zambia)

Wednesday, 17 January 2018

11:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lisbeth Strohmeier, Permanent Mission of Austria (e-mail lisbeth.strohmeier@bmeia.gv.at).

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Material related to informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions, other meetings and side events should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; *Secretariat Building, 12th Floor, 01-C*). The *deadline* for submissions is 18:00, at least *two days in advance*.

The office of the Journal Unit opens at 15:00.

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